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Subject: RE: Heavy Tows

Thanks Deputy. As you have rightly indicated, we would need to first determine if there is a justifiable reason. I interpreted it as though the “would not” vs “could not” assist. I will leave it with you and your team to determine the most appropriate course of action.

Tom
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Sir,

I was just speaking with SME Kirk Richardson.
If I could please flag some unintended consequences with removing tows from our lists / MTO list.

Most companies have 1 – 4 heavy tow trucks with a very small number that have over 5.
With the geography across the province, if they attend Ottawa or too far away from their home base, their other customers that are not police tows will not have any service available and they will lose those customers if called upon and unable to respond.

Many companies in NW region that Kirk spoke with have advised that with all of the poor weather conditions recently and having to remove TT from ditches/ collisions – their drivers are burned out and they don’t have capacity. There could be legitimate reasons for saying no. I’m just not sure how we can really know the reason.

We may also end up removing the legitimate tow companies from a list and have no other alternatives but to allow bad actors for our list. An example King Towing is a company Kirk knows as overcharging and not well liked or used in the heavy tow industry with regular clients – yet they have agreed to send 15 of their 50 heavy tows.

I just want everyone to be aware of some of the nuances around removing from lists.

Happy to discuss further as necessary,
Rose

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Agreed – thanks Deputy. Tom

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Commissioner if I may, I would also add for consideration, to remove from any involvement with the Heavy Tow TV series that we participate in.

Chris

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Thanks Deputy. Can we please look into whether or not those who have refused are on our list of approved tows; and if so, remove them immediately. If any are contracted by the MTO, we should make the same request/recommendation to them.

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Thank you, DC Rose for the update.

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Hi Fuad,

As discussed there are 64 total Heavy tow companies in province.

Companies who would provide service: 7 with 34 total Heavy Tow units

Companies who would NOT provide or no information yet: 57 with 269 total Heavy Tow units

10 companies waiting for call back from the 57 total.

We are now starting to look at border tows who could assist from US , Quebec.

I spoke to Deputy Harkins,

He is going to get back to me on needs for storage / pounds if /when start to tow. They do have plans but very dependent on numbers to be impounded.

As you suggested , it may be very helpful to have the immunity Emerg Order ready for community members to assist with land/ facilities if required.

Thanks

Rose

Rose DiMarco M.O.M

Deputy Commissioner

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